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SUBJ: RURAL ELECTRIFICATION CONSULTANT SELECTION
(276-K-016)

REF: A) STATE 218644, B) STATE 186500

1. SARG HAS INDICATED PRESENT INTENTION COMPLETE EVALUA-
TION CONSULTANT PROPOSALS BY 15 SEPT. USAID HAS DRAWN
ATTENTION TO FACT THAT 120 DAY COST PROPOSALS GOOD UNTIL
24 OCT. IN EFFORT TO INDUCE EPE TO PROCEED WITH SELECTION/
NEGOTIATION PROCESS ON TIMELY BASIS.

2. RE PROPOSAL'S CONTENT ON SOCIAL SCIENCES, WE ASSUME AID/
W MEANS ANNEX I, PARA 4, "LOAD DATA." WHICH PROVIDES THAT
SOCIO-ECONOMIC DATA WILL BE GATHERED TO PROVIDE DATA ON
RATE OF LOAD DEMAND AND IMPACT OF PROJECT FOR DIFFERENT
REGIONS. SUCH DATA WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL IN EXECUTING TOR,
SECTION 4.2.3.1 E.G. ASSISTING EPE IN DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE
POLICIES FOR EXTENSION OF SERVICES TO NEW CUSTOMERS COM-
PATIBLE WITH ACCEPTABLE TECHNICAL, FINANCIAL, AND SOCIO-
ECONOMIC CRITERIA. TOR DOES NOT CALL FOR SOCIAL ANALYSIS
AND WE BELIEVE FIRMS' QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS SHOULD
BE JUDGED PRIMARILY ON RELEVANT ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT
AND ORGANIZATION EXPERIENCE AND THEIR RESPONSE TO TOR.
GATHERING SOCIO-ECONOMIC DATA IS SMALL PART OF JOB AS
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DESCRIBED IN TOR, BUT WE ARE NOTING THE EXTENT OF FIRMS'
COMPETENCE THIS FIELD.

3. WE PLAN INCLUDING MORE EXTENSIVE SOCIAL ANALYSIS IN PP
FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION II IN FY 80, AND MATERIAL GATHER-
ED BY CONSULTANT IN COURSE OF MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF
ANNEX I CITED ABOVE, ALONG WITH ALL OTHER SOCIO-ECONOMIC

DATA AVAILABLE, WOULD BE UTILIZED SUCH ANALYSIS. USAID, PROBABLY WITH AID/W ASSISTANCE, WILL ANALYZE SUCH DATA WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE AND USE IT IN PREPARING RURAL ELECTRIFICATION II.

4. FYI CHATTY NO LONGER AVAILABLE TO USAID. HER CONTRACT WITH USAID COMPLETED, AND SHE HAS NOW RETURNED TO HER FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR POSITION, WHICH FULLY ABSORBS HER TIME IN TEACHING, RESEARCH AND TRAVEL.

5. APPROVAL EPE'S SELECTION OF CONSULTANT NOT YET DELEGATED TO USAID. SINCE RLA NOW AT MISSION AND WE UNDERSTAND OVERALL DELEGATION SUCH AUTHORITY UNDER CONSIDERATION AID/W, REQUEST AID/W DELEGATE AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL EPE'S CHOICE OF CONSULTANT TO USAID. PLEASE ADVISE.
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